NA — Not Applicable

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AGI — Army Group Insurance

NDF—National Defence Fund

DU— Dwelling Unit

CEA— Children Education Allowance

P/ASST — Parental Assistant

AFPF — Armed Forces Provident Fund

LFP — Liberalised Family Pension

ACWF — Army Central Welfare Fund

**Pak Build up in Kutch area**

2762. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of Pak build up by increasing its force levels with troop re-inforcements/air-defence network/surface-air-missiles in the Sir Creek area of the Rann of Kutch, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 6th March, 2000 ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken till date to counter Pakistan game plan/designs particularly infiltration of Mujahideen in the region ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Certain low level military activities and troop movements have been observed across the Indo-Pak border near Kutch area. They include certain radar deployment and induction of additional army units. Presence of some militants in the area of Keti Bandar, Shah Bandar, Musafirkhana, Nagar Parkar and Mithi has also been reported.

(b) A constant vigil is maintained and all appropriate measures are taken to protect our security concerns.

**Isolation of Indian Army at LOC**

2763. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the new game plan of Pakistan to isolate Indian Army at the LO

C by cutting the B. C. Road and Jammu Punch Road by occupying important mountain features of these two main highways ; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon to forestall the move ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Though there are reports of concentration of armed militants in some pockets across the LOC, there are no specific inputs that may suggest the said game plan.

(b) All developments having a bearing on India's national security are constantly monitored and necessary steps are taken from time to time to maintain appropriate preparedness to thwart any attempt of misadventure on the part of our adversaries.

**Armed Hostility by Pakistan Across LOC**

2764. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Times of India dated the 11th March, 2000 under the caption "Army expects another hot summer in LOC" ;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken in the light of Subrahmanyam Committee's report to prevent the recurrence of armed hostility by Pakistan across the line of Control ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the news-item.

All appropriate measures to protect our national security concerns have been taken.

**Pension Cases of Defence Personnel**

2765. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: